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IMPORTANT DATES

1955

Seyt. 4 and 5: P. F. Officer's Planning Conference at Rymph's.

Sept. 14: Wichita Church Extension Committee in Wichita.

Sept. 15: 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Evangelism Committee and Town and Country Cimmittee at Rymph's.

Sept. 15: 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. Church Caravan Committee at Rymph's.

Sept. 16: 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. Christian Education Committee at Hepler's, 1269 College.

Sept. 18: 12:30 P.M. (lunch) to 4 P.M. Family Life Commission at Hepler's.

Sept. 19: 11 A.M. to 20th at11:A.M. Women's Board Meeting at Rymph's

Sept. 20: 3 P.M. to 9 P.M. Social Action Committee at Rymph's.

Sept. 24: 5 P.M. to Sept. 25 - 4 P.M. Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop at McPherson.

Sept. 25: 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Conference Stewardship Committee meeting at McPherson.

Sept. 26: 9 A.M. thru noon: meeting of the Conference Board of Trustees at McPherson.

Oct. 2: World-Wide Communion Sunday.

Oct. 4: Southern Association at Partridge.

Oct. 6: Eastern Association at Topeka Seabrook.

Oct. 9 and 10: Western Association at Smith Center.

Oct. 18-20: Midwest Regional at Madison, Wisconsin.

Oct. 22: Work Day for Christ.

Nov. 4 and 5: Statewide Sr. Hi Rally at Wichita Plymouth.

Nov. 4: World Community Day.

Nov. 13: Suggested Every Member Canvass Sunday.

1956

Jan. 23-27: Chicago Minister's Week

Jan. 29 - Feb. 5; Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday and Youth Week.

Feb. 7, 8 and 9: Washburn Minister's Convocation.

Feb.. 15: Beginning of Lent.

Feb. 17: World Day of Prayer.

Mar. 11: One Great Hour of Sharing.

Apr. 1: Easter Sunday.

May 4. 5 and 6: State Conference at Manhattan.

Fall Emphases

"Committment for Christian Living" is the theme suggested for the fall program for local churches. Many of our churches have had retreats of church officers and committees planning their work for the church year. State Conference committees are also meeting to coordinate and supplement this program. Together we will be reconsidering the claims of Christian discipleship.

This suggested program stems from our common concern for evangelism, missions, stewardship and social action. A twenty-eight page manual describing the "Committment for Christian Living" program, available through the Missions Council, is full of helpful suggestions.

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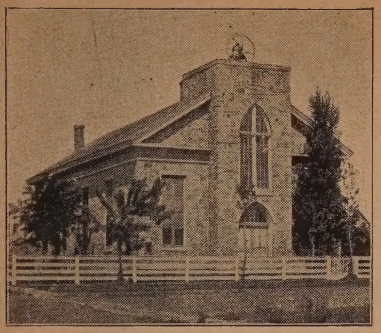

Old First Church
Seventh & Harrison

FIRST CHURCH OF TOPEKA TAKES STOCK

by Mrs. Charles Galt

To cover 100 years of history of First Congregational of Topeka, in 500 hand-picked words, is giving it the shorthand treatment.

October is the Centennial month. October 14, Friday, is the banquet in Fellowship Hall. The Rev. George Ogden Kirk of Wichita Plymouth, is the keynoter. Felicitations are to be extended from Washburn's President Stoffer, Central Congregational's Ned McKenney, speaking for all Topeka Congregational ministers; Merle Rymph with greetings from State Conference; President Ray Umbarger representing Topeka Council of Churches; the Rev. Orlo Choguill from the Ministerial Association of Topeka.

Saturday afternoon, October 15 is to be Open House at the Irwin Vincent home, giving Topeka and Kansas friends a chance to renew friendships with Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Gregory, with Mrs.. Berniece Johnson, and with other special friends.

Sunday will feature morning worship, with special seating of members of more than 40 years; sermon by Miss Elsie Farris, Long Beach, California; coffee following in Fellowship Hall; and the final evening communion, launching the second century.

A look back over 100 years illumines many matters.

Topeka First Congregational was no accident. It grew out of a deep need. It was a pooling of sturdy wills and slender resources, to the end that amid frontier insecurities, the valient members would find their steadiness in church worship and a church house.

Allan Knight Chalmers declares, "You can't be expected to bring in the kingdom of God by yourseslf." TOGETHERNESS - that was important to Congregationalists, and still is.

Let's use a round figure, and assume that 100 years means something around 5000 Sundays. The minister is in the pulpit; ushers are "ushing"; a flower chairman has beautified the altar. The choir has practiced on the traditional Thursday night; pewsful of humble worshipers are seated, predominantly in the rear pews, at the call of the beloved church bell. First Church has been strong because it IS congregational. Worship service has been the heart of church life, always.

Not all members in our century have been saints in halos. But don't you

agree there should be stars-in-crowns for mashing tons of Irish potatoes? For creating out of thrifty remnants, jillions of aprons for our women to buy from each other? And how about deacons doing hamburgers for hours on end, to help meet the interest payments on time?

Some have given means to purchase stone and brick; some have made an equal gift - the work of their own hands.

Sunday school teachers have a special flair; if a growing child has plenty of "Jesus" in his mind and heart, he'll turn out right.

First Congregational has worshiped in "earned church" - paid dollar by dollar out of everyone's budget by shrewd economies, but paid because our members felt a sense of opportunity. Stewardship has shifted from "donation giving", to "sharing". Social responsibility is gaining.

We have observed a few Congregational churches financed in the main by a few laymen whose thousands were expendable. Our way is stronger.

This is a time of re-thinking. Our first century paralleled the beginnings, struggles, ambitions, growths, of Topeka itself - even of our state of Kansas. So deeply rooted was our society in downtown Topeka that it took boldness — almost surgery — to move from a fading destiny, out to our second pioneering in Southwest Topeka. Our zooming membership, our community standing, our flocks of well-born children cramming every spot, show that we guessed right in the courageous move. As a fellowship, we have widened our Protestantism from being fiercely denominational, to being denominationally tolerant — even mildly curious about other men's credos.

We want a program of adequate Christian instruction, visual education, choir participation, for our children. For this reason, we are building again to our need.

Turn the page thoughtfully. Well! It's the 101st year. Of course we are proud of the past . . . humble too. Can we prove worthy of this heritage?

Social Action Seminar

Being one of the twenty members of the nineteen-fifty-five Social Action Seminar to Europe and the Middle East was truly a profound experience. The seminar was under the splendid guidance of Dr. and Mrs. Ray Gibbons, whose sincere dedication to the Social Action program and its ideals, their understanding, patience, and sense of humor, as well as their extensive background for this kind of leadership, added greatly to each member's enjoyment of the trip.

People and Places

Far away places with strange sounding names long have held an almost universal appeal, but for this seminar, the greatest appeal of all and the real focus of interest was the people who live in these places, their hopes, visions, problems, and their lives in general. The conference with leaders in various fields in each country, the visits to community projects where visions were becoming realities, the social functions such as teas, parties and receptions, as well as visits to communities where there seemed no hope and no vision, all made one feel heartbound in both joy and sorrow to the people in all the places visited.

A Study in Contrasts

Perhaps the outstanding characteristic of the overall impression was that of contrast, such as Egypt's enthusiastic

new reform program leaders against the masses of people living in poverty, filth, and the utmost degredation of humanity; the barren countryside of Jordan against the reclamation program's fruits in Israel; the sad little hungry eyes of the bakshish-begging Arabian children and the happy eyes of normal childhood in Israel. The latter and many other things in Israel were a thrilling inspiration while the pathetic plight of the Arabian refugees was a challenge so often met with a feeling of helplessness even greater than the intense deisre to help.

Delightful Experiences

Shopping, sight-seeing, and delightful experiences shared with congenial companions (the Athens symphony concert in the ruins of the Odeon, moonlight sail boat rides on the Nile and on Lake Lucerne, throwing our coins in Rome's Trevi fountain, Tea at England's Parliament with Congregationalist M.P.'s as our hosts) rounded out a trip rich in so many aspects denied the average tourist.

Worshipping Together

A most enjoyable part of the program was our devotions, led in turn by each member of the seminar. Inspirations were shared and the deepest of all group fellowship, worshipping together, was entered into in this way. Our group sat upon stones and fragments of ancient pillars under a spreading shade tree at the northermost tip of the Sea of Galilee. The sea was turbulent and the crashing surf at our feet emphasized the dynamic side of the personality of Jesus, a personality so closely felt there in our midst two thousand years after his sojurn in that spot. Mrs. Gibbons directed our thoughts as she led this most impressive of all devotionals. The few hymns sung there and our lingering or quiet meditation will remain always a part of a cherished memory for each of us.

Travel With A Pupose

Travel with a purpose and with people dedicated to some ideal dear to one's own heart, is one of the greatest experiences imaginable. Our seminar was exactly that. All in all - it was perfect.

Dorothy Leidig (Mrs. Karl)
of Lenora

Fall Association Meetings

Featured at the meetings this Fall will be the Rev. Armstrong Hunter of Boston. As Research Secretary for the Missions Council, Mr. Hunter knows what is going on in the fields of the American Board as well as the homeland agencies. In 1953 he conducted a tour to the Far East which included the Philippines, Hong Kong, Macao and Japan, From 1945 to 1947 he was a member of the faculty and

Armstrong Hunter, Guest Leader

Chaplain of Tallodega College. Before finishing his schooling, he had a summer pastorate in Utah and worked in the Church of the Master in Harlem. Mr. Hunter received his B.A. from Princeton University and his B.D. from Union Theological Seminary, both Cum Laude.

In-state leaders will include Mrs. Karl Leidig of Lenora who will speak and show colored slides of the C.S.A. European Tour this summer. Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President of the Women's Fellowship will give leadership to the women. A fraternal delegate from the Kansas City Synod of the E & R fellowship will visit each meeting. Planning of the Conference Committees and Boards will be presented by representatives from each group.

Southern meets at Partridge, October 4; Eastern at Topeka Seabrook, October 6 and Western at Smith Center, October 9 and 10.

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Rev.. Hans Poppe, Chairman
Evangelism Committee
Dear Hans:

According to reports, you have spent a profitable summer in Family Camp and in traveling in the northwest. We are looking forward to hearing more about your experiences.

In June you wrote that the Evangelism Committee of the Kansas Council of Churches had suggested that a statewide visitation evangelism campaign be held during Lent of 1956. The campaign would be inter denominational in effort under guidance of both State and National Councils. I am wondering if the suggestion met with general approval, and, if so, what further plans have been made. I would like to suggest that preaching missions be held in conjunction with the visitation program. Let us discuss this along with other plans at our Evangelism Committee meeting in September.

Since last seeing you, I have been searching for the hub of this thing called evangelism. You may recall Dr. Fosdick's remark that college gave him a lot of spokes, but no hub! Spokes are necessary, but a central reason for evangelism is needed to sustain our enthusiasm.

Unquestionably, the best book I have read on the 'hub' of evangelism is Julian N. Hartt's, "Toward a Theology of Evangelism." It is a book with a "sense of the vital." To illustrate, here is a brief quotation from the book: "The church is not to be thought of, therefore, as the place where people are miraculously shorn of their sins. It is the place where, by the miracle of Christ's love, people learn to take deepening responsibility for other sinners." This book can be obtained from the Congregational Library in Boston.

I am confident that both wise and simple are earnestly seeking the essential meaning of Church and Kingdom for their lives. Perhaps, this is the age in which the Gospel of Christ is 'in season'. We may be wise to discern in the modern religious mood, however shallow, a discontent with meaninglessness and emptiness and a longing for bread, not stones. If direction is given to religious yearnings, it will come from those with consecrated imagination, from those who think with both heart and head.

I know that you and other members of the Committee will get at the hub of our problem and opportunity. And you will not neglect the spokes - the ideas and plans through which the spirit of the wheel must move.

Sincerely,
Julian B. Johnson, Partridge

Christian Social Action

Kate Lee Ewing—Editor

The Inter-Racial Institute

Through the courtesy of Galen Weaver of the Home Missions Council, the State Chairman of the Social Action Committee and his lady were privileged to attend the Twelfth Annual Inter-racial Institute at Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, June 27-July 9th. It was a great experience. There were 125 delegates from all over the United States, Puerto Ricans, Latin Americans, American Indians, Negro and white Americans. The faculty consisted of forty speakers and resource persons including such outstanding leaders as Thursgood Marshall, Attorney for NAACP, Frank Graham, George Matchell of the Southern Regional Council, Lillian Smith, James Mitchell, Secretary of Labor, Charles Johnson, President of Fisk University and Galen Weaver. The student body was a great bunch of concerned and responsible people.

The theme of the Institute was "Bridging the Gap - Between the Supreme Court Decision and the Community". There were lectures and forums each morning and in the afternoons three clinics were held. One was on "Desegregation and the Community"; one on "Desegregation and Job Opportunities" and one on "Desegregation and the Church."

In the clinic on the Church it was felt that the Church should not lag behind the Supreme Court and the Schools nor even organized baseball, but rather should assume prophetic leadership in this very complex and challenging problem of complete integration in American life. Two great blocks seem to be in the way - the stubbornness of the south and the apathy of the north. However, strong leadership is asserting itself both in South and North - the Negroes are becoming increasingly aware of their rights as citizens in a free country and are more and more asserting themselves. As churchmen of good will, we should help them in every possible way to attain this freedom.

It is good to see the Congregational-Christian Churches at the forefront of this crusade. We have a good record through the A.M.A. but much remains to be done.

The Supreme Court said, "The court will require that the defendants (the school boards) make prompt and reasonabble starts toward full compliance" - can the churches of Christ do less?

WEEK-END STATE CONFERENCE at Manhattan

At the Garden City Conference session an opinion vote was taken on the question "would you like to have State Conference sessions scheduled on a week-end rather than mid-week?" The laymen voted unanimously for a week-end meeting; all but two ministers voted for the change, as did a majority of the women.

As a result the board of trustees voted to try the week-end schedule this spring. The Rev. Ray Carlton Jones, Chairman, Carl Althaus and Daniel R. Hopkins were named on a committee to work out details. They have set the dates for late afternoon Friday, May 4 to late Sunday afternoon May 6, with our Manhattan church entertaining.

Laymen's Churchmanship Workshop

To be held at
First Congregational Church
McPherson

September 24 and 25, 5 P.M.
to 4 P.M., Sunday

Sponsored by
Kansas Laymen's Fellowship
Carl B. Althaus, President
for
Church Officers - Deacons Trustees

Lodging Furnished in
McPherson Church Homes

Courtesy Meals

Guest Leaders
James E. Waery - Chicago
George Ogden Kirk-Wichita

DON'T MISS
Sending a carload of your
KEY LAYMEN

Spark Your Church Program

Laymen and Women at LaForet

"How does God work to accomplish His purpose for the world?" This was the question Dr. Porter Bower asked and it was the general theme for the Bible hour he conducted at the 5th annual conference of laymen and women. Congregational Christian men and women from Kansas who tried to find answers to this question were:

Mrs. E. C. Garrison, Osborne; Mr. Gordon Jones, Wichita Fairmount; Miss Lura Middaugh, K.C. First Pilgrim; Mrs. Gertrude Moss, and Mrs. Emily Yocom, Little River; Mrs. Esther Wills, and Mrs. R. R. Spohrer, Lenora; Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, Mrs. Glen Melvin, Mrs. Donald Robertson, Mrs. R. V. Shorthill and Mrs. Boyce Forbes of Topeka Seaman; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wedell of Great Bend.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if every Congregational - Christian church in Kansas would have a representative at this conference next year? Some churches pay all or part of the cost for one of their members, and it is hard to decide whether the layfolks or their church receive the most benefit.

The spiritual and mental food was wonderful and so was the food for our bodies. The chapel is a jewel and those of us who took Holy Communion the last morning will not forget it soon. The cabins are rustic and yet they are completely modern. You're not there long until you know that everyone else is glad you're there. The leaders are soon your good friends. Over and above all this are the beautiful pines, above the pines are the mountains, and above the mountains is God. He was in our workshop and our playtime too.

Do plan to come to LaForet next year. You couldn't have a more "heavenly" vacation.

-reported by Vera Lancaster
(ardent admirer of LaForet)

"A Man From Mars"

This novel project sponsored by the Kinsley trustees and their wives, included a Hollywood program and turkey dinner and supplied over $900.00 which will paint the church, plant new lawns and shrubs at the church and parsonage; install a steeple cross, remodel the kitchen, purchase new tables and chairs. Rev. Malcolm White is minister.

Rev. W. Dieter Flemming

Flemming to Prairie Village

The Rev. W. Dieter Flemming began leadership September first at Colonial Church in Prairie Village following a pastorate at Ortonville, Minn. Mr. Flemming was born in Berlin of French descent. His family resisted Hitler and he suffered some of the consequences. During his childhood education he lived for extended periods in Switzerland and Holland.

He received the equivalant of an A.B. degree from College Francais and was selected by the World Council of Churches for a scholarship to study in the United States. After graduating from Mt. Airy Seminary he did two years graduate study at Yale.

Mrs. Flemming received her B.S. degree in education with a major in music from Carleton College and the University of Minnesota.

Rossel's to Oak Park

On September first, the Rev. John Rossel began his duties as Associate Minister of the First Congregational Church at Oak Park, Illinois where he will work with Dr. Fred Hoskins. Mr. Rossel will also take work at Chicago Theological Seminary. During Mr. Rossel's five years at Wichita Plymouth he has been most cooperative in the work of the larger fellowship and will be greatly missed.

Becker to Lenora

The Rev. John R. Becker with Mrs. Becker and nine year old Ronald, moved to Lenora from Cambridge, Nebraska around the first of September. Mr. Becker is a graduate of Yankton College and School of Theology. The Becker's were in attendance at LaForet Pastor's School during July.

The Rev. C. G. Nelson has served as interim pastor at Lenora for the past eight months.

Henry Bradshaw Ordained

On May 29, at the First Congregational Church in Norwich, Conn., the Rev. Henry Bradshaw was ordained to the Christian ministry and installed as pastor of the church. The sermon was brought by the Rev. Harold Bradshaw, father of the ordinand of Peoria, formerly of the Topeka Council of Churches.

Dr. Seabury Passes

Congregationalism around the world was shocked at the sudden death of Ruth Isabel Seabury on July 29. During her 39 years with the American Board she had endeared herself to the people of all nations and races.

Kansas Women's Fellowship

Mrs. Gordon Lancaster, President

In Memory

As evidence of the love and respect of those who knew her, the following name has been added to the Women's Department Memorial Fund Roll of Honor:

Mrs. Elsie A. Stoops
By Independence Women

Mrs. Pauline LaMer
By Leavenworth Women

Mrs. Marjorie Bowers
Mrs. Lizzie Simmons
By Eureka Plymouth Guild

A Message from Your President

As Congregational Christian women, we are twice blessed. We have a great freedom on one hand and we have a fine program to follow, on the other. It may seem these two gifts are opposites, but actually they are most acceptable and work extremely well together.

Christianity is alive with seeming contradicitions. We must contain a sense of greatness as children of God, and at the same time we must be humble, knowing that we, of ourselves, do nothing which is lasting; we must come to realize that true Christianity brings deep joy, but only unless we suffer when we see need of any kind and do our best to relieve the need according to God's will; we accept the judgment of God as irrevocable, yet we know him as a loving, forgiving Father.

Those of you who have accepted Jesus as your master know that you are bound by His revelation of God, but you also know that you are free of many fetters that bound you before.

Our National Fellowship emphases and our State Standards of achievement will bind us to a certain path, but they will free us from uncertainty, indecision, fear that our programs will not be interesting; unrest because we have not done our share toward making this a better world.

I hope you keep in mind that the Women's Fellowship has a primary purpose that is without a like or equal. We are not social clubs, we are not sewing societies, we are not supper clubs, we are not cooking schools. We are gathered together to learn more of God's will for His universe and for ourselves. We have no business trying to compete with any other kind of organization. Our business is well defined and there is such a great need for God's will in the world and in us, that our efforts must not be scattered.

Would you like a copy of our 1955-56 Guide Book? Send 25 cents to our State Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. F. E. Wells, 1011 Webster, Topeka, Kansas, with your name and address and she will send it to you. Your local President and Key Woman have copies, but our work for the year would mean more to you if you possessed a copy.

May you go with God and thus find His humility that brings power, His compassion that brings peace, His mastery that brings freedom.

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Your State Board
will meet at the Rymph home in Topeka, September 19 and 20 to make plans for the coming year.

Calling ALL P F ers

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST

October 22, 1955

Your Pilgrim Fellowship Group can give expression to Christian beliefs through personal service. This kind of Christian Action means you are serving in many places around the world — in hospitals, schools, churches, and through the missionaries and national leaders who represent you wherever they may be, through OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION.

WORK DAY FOR CHRIST is one way P. F. members give of themselves for Christian teaching. Your hard-earned money becomes —

—a scholarship for another young person,
—an operation for someone in Africa,
—vitamin pills for children in Japan,
—the salary of a national leader in India

Work Day for Christ

—is a day of dedication of self through work.
—is dedication of the money earned for OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION
—is an opportunity for every Pilgrim Fellowship member to participate by getting a job for the day, and contributing his earnings to world-wide Christian Action.
—begins with worship, and ends with dedication of money earned.
—is one of the service emphases of the program of Christian Action of Pilgrim Fellowship.
—is Saturday, October 22, 1955.

Your Plan of Action

Publicize your event. Line up jobs with members of the congregation and in your community. Tell everyone what it is all about.

Fix responsibilities. Plan your approach for — publicity, for listing jobs, and for assigning persons to those jobs. Appoint a telephone committee.

Plan a Pilgrim Fellowship meeting to interpret OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION and "where the money goes."

Plan for your early morning worship service to begin the work of the day in a spirit of self-dedication. Plan for some means of dedicating the money earned — at a service at the close of the day, in the Sunday morning church service, or at your next P.F. meeting.

Kansas Pilgrim Fellowship

George Epps, President

Marilyn Bell, Secretary

George Epps, State President

Western Rally

A Fall Kickoff Rally was held at Russell on August 27 and 28. Churches represented were Osborne, Downs, Smith Center, Great Bend, Gorham and Russell - about 20 young people and several leaders. Uncle Hans says what they lacked in numbers was made up in a fine spirit, good food and a good program.

Seabrook P.F. Talent Show

Topeka Seabrook Pilgrims staged a Talent Show on June 30 and sent half their proceeds to the Udall Emergency Fund to help build the new Congregational church there. Directed by Mrs. Alton Haun, the show included Romance, Brass and Class, Skits and Dances and some numbers by the small fry. Following the show they served ice cream, homemade cakes and pies.

Another Girl

The Bob Dewey's of Birmingham, Michigan, announce the arrival of Paula Jean on August 16, to join sisters Janet (32 months) and Martha (15 months).

Program Helps

The set of six program books for Senior P.F. is now available for $5.40, a saving of 60 cents by getting the complete set. These books form a basic library of undated topic materials for use over a period of years. Every group should have a set. Order from Pilgrim Press.

Attention Adult Advisers

A 16 page booklet to help you in your job as adult adviser to a Sr. Hi P.F. group is now available. It's new! It's brief! Every minister and every sponsor should have a copy. Order from Young People's Dept., 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. Cost 10 cents.

Use The Youth Kit

This kit with seven filmstrips and records is invaluable for Sr. Hi programs. Available at the Conference Office for payment of postage:

We Have This Fellowship
The Faith of A Guy
Gallery of Witnesses
I Found A New World
The Measure of A Man
How Wide Is Your Circle
Big Enough To Tackle

At Your Service

Orville M. Hepler

Evaluation of Pilgrim Series

On June 1, 2 and 3 the Rev. Walter Dobler held three orientation meetings in the state for leaders of our church schools to explain the Home-Half Experimentation for Pilgrim Series this coming year. The host churches were: Topeka Central, Newton, and Kinsley. In addition to the foregoing churches, Garden City, Great Bend, Kansas City Welborn, Lenora, Manhattan, McPherson, Russell, Whitewater, and Wichita Plymouth churches will cooperate in the study.

Shall We Have Semesters?

The Lawrence Church and the Lenora Church are participating in an Extended Semester Series under the direction of the Division of Christian Education.

Student Spends Summer In Service

Richard Barnett of Holyoke, Mass. spent his summer working for the Pilgrim Congregational Church of Wichita. He will begin his second year at Yale Divinity School this fall.

In addition to time spent in parish survey, he assisted Rev. Harold Gentzler in the children and youth program, taking much responsibility for the newly organized Tu-Thur Club for about 40 children from grades 3 to 6. The club raised funds to buy a beautiful red leather RSV pulpit Bible and two candle-lighters.

Richard ate many of his evening meals in the homes of the parish.

One Big Family At Family Camp

Rev. and Mrs. Hans Poppe and their two children were the only persons of the 81 people and 19 families who attended the Estes Park Family Camp from July 24 to 30 who had attended the Kansas-Nebraska Camp before.

Under the skillful direction of Rev. Hans Poppe, the 19 different family units which began the week as strangers were gradually drawn into a cohesive whole. In addition, the sense of well-being of each family present was enhanced.

Rev. and Mrs. Hari Gnanadason came the longest distance since their home is at the very tip of the subcontinent of India. They endeared themselves to young and old alike by their interesting accounts of life in modern India.

Responsibilities for the common welfare were shared by many campers. For example, Jacob Lemmons put his knowledge of geology to good use by hiking with the intermediates and identifying rocks and other objects of natural interest. Joy Taylor was a great help in the craft program since she had experience in various crafts.

What about the camp next year? As yet we are not certain who the director will be but we know that the place will be changed again. For the next three years the camp will be held at beautiful La Foret Camp.

If you want to start an intesting conversation with any of the following persons, just mention the Family Camp: **Gaylord,** Mr and Mrs. Harvey Swank, Muriel and Sidney; **Kansas**

City Prairie Village, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Robinson, Bruce, Mark and Ellen; **Lenora,** Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, Carol, Sally and Mary Ann; **Newton,** Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schroeder, John, Hedy and Marilyn; **Russell,** Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lemmons, Stephen and John; Rev. and Mrs. Hans Poppe, Tanis and Mark; **Topeka,** Mr. and Mrs. C. Keith Gustin, Lynn, Marta and Mrs. W. O. Gustin; Rev. and Mrs. Orville Hepler, Licinda, Priscilla, and Margaret Jo; Mr. and Mrs. Lauren Nash, Susan and Ted; **Wichita,** Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cheeseman and Patrick.

La Foret Workshop

Fifteen Kansans attended the Leadership Workshop at La Foret, Colorado from August 3 to 7. Of this number, only eight were adults.

The following persons attended: from Manhattan, Mrs. Dale E. Zabel, Mrs. F. C. Lanning and her son, Ralph; from Lenora, Mrs. Carl E. Georgeson and Rev. Christian Nelson; from Kansas City Rosedale, Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Bonny and their three children; and from Topeka Central, Rev. and Mrs. Orville Hepler and their three children.

As a member of the staff, Rev. Oscar Bonny presented three challenging lectures on Christian Beliefs.

Mrs. Carl E. Georgeson served very capably as the teacher of the group studying the high school division of our education program.

We regret that this stimulating and profitable experience was not shared by more of our people who are responsible for educational leadership in our churches.

College Students Attend USF

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kannarr, our Student Helpers at Manhattan and Miss Barbara Bell of McPherson were our representatives at the national meeting of the United Student Fellowship in late August at Elmhurst College near Chicago.

Et Cetera

In addition to participating in the leadership Workshop, the Family Camp and escorting Walter Dobler to the Orientation Meetings, your state Assistant supplied the pulpit at Whitewater, Topeka Central, Topeka First, Kansas City First Pilgrim, Topeka Seabrook and Dover.

In early June he attended the De-Koven Meeting in Racine, Wisconsin to learn the latest developments in missionary education and stewardship promotion.

Audio-Visual Aids

STEWARDSHIP—

Feature Film - **The Secret of the Gift,** 29 minute movie.

Every Member Canvass - Kingdom Roll Call, Color filmstrip with script.

FOREIGN MISSION STUDY THEME—

Sunday Around the World, Color filmstrip with script.

A Country in Crisis, Color filmstrip with script.

Close-Up, Color filmstrip with records, 15 minutes.

Travelin' Man, Color filmstrip with records, 15 minutes.

HOME MISSION STUDY THEME—

Strangers in Their Own Land, Color filmstrip with script.

Peter Flying Eagle, Color filmstrip with script.

Good Voice and Grandmother River, Color filmstrip with script.

Nonebah of the Navajos, filmstrip with script.

Before the Tornado

Beginning Again at Udall

Meeting in the rural school house near Udall, members of the Congregational Church soon began planning a new church structure to replace the building destroyed by the May 25th tornado.

Help By Friends

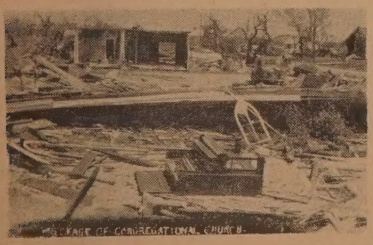
Thank you notes were sent out by Mrs. Ira Satterthwaite church clerk, to the many churches and individuals who contributed to the cause. Cash gifts of more than $10,000.00 received to date thru the Conference office are listed on the following page. Colonial Church in Prairie Village also gave pews to be used in the new church.

New Structure

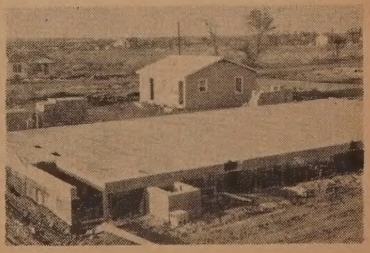
Ground was broken on July 21st for a new church structure with planning and supervision by Builders Incorporated of Wichita under the personal direction of Willard Garvey. The modified colonial building of brick veneer is 40 by 80 feet, with full basement. This provides a spacious sanctuary on the first floor and a basement which will include a large dining or fellowship hall, kitchen, rest rooms, furnace room and four large class rooms. Planned also is a steeple which will add greatly to the churchliness of the building which is due for completion about the first of November.

Labor and Friendship

Many man hours of volunteer labor are being given by members and friends of the church to supplement the professional workers services. Some help has been received from the Mennonite workers also. The Rev. A. F.Tieszen of Newton is supplying the church on Sunday until a parsonage can be built and funds made available for a resident minister. Pledges of almost $5,000.00 have been made by members of the local congregation to make possible the continuance of the building plans and the program of the church. Further contributions from church groups or individuals will be greatly appreciated.



After The Tornado



Building Anew

The Charles Holbrook Library
Pacific School of Religion
1798 Scenic Ave.
Berkeley 9, Calif.

Giving To Udall Emergency Fund

To September 1, 1955

Almena	$ 38.00
Anthony	105.00
Athol	91.50
Carbondale	71.25
Centralia	54.00
Council Grove	245.00
Dover	42.41
Downs	31.00
Ellis	73.50
Emporia First	205.91
Emporia Sardis	45.00
Eureka	203.00
Ford	100.10
Garden City	130.00
Garfield	42.00
Gaylord	25.00
Gorham	50.00
Great Bend	252.38
Haven	123.00
Hiawatha	7.50
Hutchinson	290.00
Independence	58.00
Kansas City 1st Pilg.	101.50
Kansas City Rosedale	200.00
Kansas City Ruby	230.00
Kansas City Welborn	214.92
Kinsley	124.11
Kiowa	246.16
Kirwin Federated	27.00
Lawrence Plymouth	691.73
Leavenworth	119.10
Lenora	81.62
Leona	45.80
Lincoln	30.00
Little River	41.31
McPherson	150.00
Maize	8.00
Manhattan	175.56
Maple Hill	59.75
Mound City	5.00
Matfield Green	16.25
Milford	155.00
Mount Hope	50.00
Muscotah	65.30
Newton	65.00
Olive Hill	67.00
Onaga	107.60
Osborne	433.10
Ottawa	42.00
Partridge	177.82
Pleasant Hill	60.00
Prairie Village	67.50
Plevna	175.00
Russell	260.00
Sabetha	292.88
Seneca	58.25
Smith Center	100.00
Stanley	113.95
St. Marys	17.00
Stockton	135.53
Tonganoxie	125.50
Topeka Central	601.51
Topeka First	256.60
Topeka Seabrook	140.00
Topeka Seaman	400.00
Towanda	68.00
Wakefield	95.00
Wheaton	97.15
Whitewater	25.00
Wichita Fairmount	323.79
Wichita Pilgrim	102.07
Wichita Plymouth	100.00
Alma E & R	38.50
Omaha Countryside Com. Ch.	31.50
Westmoreland Christian	15.00
Mass. Women's Home Miss. Soc.	300.00
Washington D.C. Congl. Ch.	15.00
Junction City E & R	25.00
Congl. Church, Evarts, Ky.	20.00
Bazine German Church	15.00
Wakarusa Presby.	78.81
Scribner, Nebr. (Cong.)	38.15
K.C.K. 2nd Presby.	22.50
Total	$10,228.95